

GERMAN GUNS POUNDING  
A WIDE BRITISH SECTIONMAY MEAN THE OPENING  
OF HERALDED OFFENSIVEHeavy Bombardment Was Started  
Shortly Before Dawn  
This MorningFROM ST. QUENTIN  
TO RIVER SCARPEBritish Official Statement  
Tells of the Great Force of  
Enemy Cannonading

London, March 21.—The Germans shortly before dawn this morning began a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front, it was announced officially to-day.

The bombardment covered the whole front from south of St. Quentin to the river Scarpe.

WOOD AND BELL RETURN  
FROM WESTERN FRONT

Two American Major Generals Arrived at an American Port To-day.

An Atlantic Port, March 21.—Major Generals Wood and Bell arrived to-day from France.

TWO WARSHIPS  
WERE DAMAGED  
FOUR MEN DEAD

An American and a British Ship Collided and Lieut. Com. Richard McCall Elliott, Jr., of the Former Was Among Killed When a Bomb Exploded.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Lieutenant Commander Richard McCall Elliott, Jr., of New York and three men were killed aboard the American destroyer Manley on March 19 when the vessel collided with a British warship, the navy department announced to-day.

A number of American sailors were injured. A depth charge on the Manley exploded with the vessels met. Both vessels were damaged.

The others killed were Cecil Hall of Charleston, W. Va., boatswain's mate, Lewis Cohen of New York, a water tender, and Charles Magoni of West Springfield, Mass.

EDUCATING WOUNDED OFFICERS.  
Oxford University Is Putting Novel System Into Operation.

Oxford, England, March 21.—An interesting experiment is to be made at Oxford university in establishing short courses of instruction for wounded officers unit for military duty for four months or more.

Preference is to be given to those who probably will be discharged from the service and arrangements will be made for giving them the necessary medical care.

FALLING GRAIN BROKE LEG.  
Hiram C. Ring Was Injured Near Waterbury Station.

Waterbury, March 21.—A bag of grain, falling from some distance in the Seabury estate storehouse near the station, resulted in a serious injury for Hiram C. Ring, an employee of the state, yesterday.

The bag fell on Mr. Ring's right leg, causing a compound fracture of the right leg, above the ankle. The man was removed to his home, where Dr. G. F. Rigelow, assisted by Dr. F. E. Steele, Jr., reduced the fracture.

LOOKS LIKE LENROOT.  
Loyalist Candidate Seems to Have Won Wisconsin Senatorial Nomination.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.—More or less complete returns from every county in the state sustained the lead of Congressman Irvine L. Lenroot, loyalist candidate for the Republican nomination for United States senator in Tuesday's primaries. Related returns gave him 68,332 votes, or 2,320 more than received by James Thompson, the LaFollette candidate.

Thompson did not concede defeat pending complete returns, but at Marinette a big meeting of farmers greeted Lenroot, who addressed them, as victor, amid prolonged cheers. Mr. Lenroot denied a rumor, that to make certain of defeating Victor Berger, the Socialist candidate, who is under indictment for alleged violation of the espionage act, he would withdraw in favor of Joseph E. Davies, Democratic candidate.

On the face of the latest returns Davies had 54,173 votes compared with 16,362 for Dr. Charles McCarthy. The same figures made the Berger vote 35,643.

JAPANESE MOBILIZING.  
Those in Mexico Are Answering the Call to the Colors.

Manzanillo, Mexico, March 21.—Many Japanese from all parts of Mexico are concentrating here and at other Pacific coast ports, awaiting steamers to take them to San Francisco.

"DECISIVE MOMENT  
OF THE WAR"—KAISER

London, March 21.—"We are at the decisive moment of the war and one of the greatest moments in German history," says Emperor William in a telegram to the Rhenish provincial council, according to a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam.

11,827,572 TONS  
SHIPPING LOST  
DURING WAR

But Counting in the Enemy Ships Seized Along with the New Output the Net Loss Is Only 2,632,297 Tons.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Secret figures of the British admiralty on submarine losses and world shipbuilding were made public to-day by the British embassy. They show that from both enemy action and marine risk to Jan. 1, 1918, allied and neutral shipping lost since the war began 11,827,572 gross tons, while the shipyards outside the central powers were turning out 6,696,275 tons.

The admiralty memo says that the figures are now made public because they will impress on the people the necessity of united action in making good the losses by the submarines.

The losses do not approach the claims of Germany and add to the net loss to world shipping, exclusive of that of Germany and her allies, is only 2,632,297 tons.

GERMAN INCREASES  
DEMAND ON RUMANIA

Insists That That Country Surrender All Its Own Munitions as Well as the Munitions of the Allies.

Moscow, Tuesday, March 19. (By Associated Press).—Germany has increased her demands and now asks that Rumania surrender to the central powers all her own munitions as well as those left in Rumania by the allied troops.

All the entente ministers remain in Jassy but will leave if Rumania surrenders the munitions.

Russian War Spirit Rising.  
The Trans-Caucasian Constituent Assembly Has Refused to Ratify the Peace Treaty and Has Urged Immediate War on Germany.

London, March 21.—The Russian constituent assembly has refused to ratify the peace treaty and has urged immediate war on Germany. Leon Trotsky, who arrived here, he announces he will assume the duties of minister of war if there is war. Four regiments of volunteers here to-day declared unequivocally for war.

LOST ONE BARN.  
But Hosea Page of South Ryegate Saved All His Stock.

South Ryegate, March 21.—When Hosea Page got up at 5 a. m. yesterday, he found his barn on fire. He succeeded in getting his stock all out, but lost barn, hay, some food and farming tools. The barn was 130 feet long and was situated on a hill back and to the north of the house and horse barn some 100 feet, so that house and horse barn were not in danger. He carried \$1,000 insurance on barn, \$500 on produce and something on tools.

The cause of the fire is a mystery. The place is in the lime kiln district in Newbury and better known to many people as the David Lumsden place.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Levi Jacobs has been passing several days in Johnson, where he was called by the illness and death of his brother, Joseph Jacobs, whom an exchange speaks of as "an aged and respected citizen." Mr. Jacobs' death occurred on March 13, but during a long illness he had for his companion at frequent intervals his brother from Barre, who was with the deceased during his last hours. Mr. Jacobs was born in Franklin 84 years ago, although he had lived in Johnson the greater part of his life. Among the near relatives surviving are three sons, a sister, and two brothers. The funeral was held in Johnson last Friday.

White flannel trousers may cause a rift in the senior class at Spaulding high school, where boys students who are to receive their sheepskins at the June commencement have voted to forego the customary blue serge arrangement by substituting the more reasonable flannels. At a recent class meeting the girls, in obedience to a custom established some years ago, subscribed themselves to a uniform design and a similarity of material in the matter of wearing apparel, the desire being to insure inexpensive graduation gowns for commencement exercises that are to be simplified on account of the war. Then followed the vote of the senior boys, who declared in favor of costly flannels. A member of the school commission is quoted as saying that the flannel will be proscribed, and after sacrificing style, etc., to the spirit of the times, the girls are ready to favor the proposed ban on costly apparel for boys.

NEUTRAL DIPLOMAT INVOLVED  
In Disclosures Regarding Quartet Arrested in New York.

Washington, March 21.—Investigation has revealed the department of justice that the two women and the two men claiming French citizenship, arrested recently in New York, on suspicion of connection with the German spy ring, can only be classed as undesirable citizens, rather than as spies. On this conclusion they will be deported.

Suspicion that the quartet were a band of spies were declared exploded when government agents found that a love affair between one of the women and a neutral diplomat in Washington was the basis of the activity of the four, which had brought them under the observation of the department of justice.

The full disclosure is withheld by the government out of consideration for the neutral diplomat and his associates.

The four under arrest in New York gave their names as Mme. Despina Davidovitch Storch, Mme. Elizabeth Charlotte Nix, Baron Henri De Belleville, and Count Robert De Clairmont.

It is disclosed that what were thought to be the mysterious code letters found in a safe deposit box of one of those under arrest, were love epistles, couched in gentle terms with hidden meanings which hard-headed investigators at first failed to recognize.

Officials declare that the government has no definite evidence of spying to lay against any of the quartet, but that the complicated tangle of personal relations with men high in official and social circles makes it expedient to deport them. It never has been disclosed fully where any of the four got their money, although it is now said that one of the women had some wealth of her own. For many months the four have been under surveillance, the first because of suspicion that they would prove to be agents of an enemy government.

DEATH AT COLBYVILLE.  
Mrs. Sarah F. Davis Was a Native of Waitsfield.

Waterbury, March 21.—Mrs. Sarah F. Davis, wife of the late Edgar Davis, passed away at her home in Colbyville during the night. Her maiden name was Sarah Fidolia Brigham, and she was born in Waitsfield in January, 1833, the daughter of Elder Leander Brigham, well known in this section of Vermont, and Mrs. L. Brigham. As a young woman she married Mr. Bailey and lived in the Mad river valley until 17 years ago, when she moved to Waterbury. Mr. Bailey's death occurred some years ago. Mrs. Davis leaves her aged mother, and three children, Merton, of the province of Quebec, Mrs. Gertrude Grandfield of Montpelier, and Mrs. Irene Johnson, wife of Walter Johnson of this town. There are seven grandchildren, and three sisters survive, as follows: Mrs. Orlando Davis of Montpelier, Mrs. William Collins of Lowell, Mass., and Mrs. George Camp of Warren. She was a member of the Adventist church.

It is expected that funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, although definite arrangements await tidings from her son in Quebec.

BRITISH SUPPRESS  
NATIVE UPRISING  
IN BELUCHISTAN

Many Casualties are Inflicted—Punitive Measures Being Taken.

London, March 21.—Uprisings on the part of natives in Beluchistan recently resulted in fighting in which many casualties were inflicted, the India office announces. The natives attacked British posts and were repulsed completely. Punitive measures are being taken.

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STILL FRIENDLY WITH ALLIES.

Russia's Relations with America Bring Established, Says Bolshevik Minister.

SMALLPOX AT FAIRFAX.  
Commercial Traveler Brought Disease from Berlin, N. H.

Fairfax, March 21.—The schools are closed and no services will be held in the Methodist church the coming Sunday owing to a case of smallpox being discovered in town and many exposed to the patient.

Delmar Stevens, a commercial traveler, probably contracted the disease in Berlin, N. H. He was taken ill a week ago Saturday night and had been ill three or four days before a doctor was called. Last Sunday Dr. H. A. Ladd from the state board of health at Burlington was summoned and he diagnosed the malady as smallpox with the result that the house was placed under quarantine and the above orders put in effect. Dr. E. V. Reynolds is attending the sick man.

A daughter, Miss Katherine, is a student in the high school and she has exposed many of the other pupils. The pastor of the Methodist church has called at the Stevens house as well as many others in town.

LOAN DRIVE MAY BE POSTPONED.  
McAdoo Not Sure That It Will Begin April 6.

Washington, March 21.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is not positive that the third Liberty loan drive will begin on April 6, the first anniversary of our entry into the war. He is anxious to have the drive begin on this date and end not later than May 9, but he cannot finally fix the dates until after the war corporation bill, which has been passed by the Senate and which is being debated in the House, is actually enacted.

The secretary gave this rather surprising information to Congressman John Jacob Rogers and Frederick W. Dallinger of Massachusetts yesterday when they suggested that April 19 next be proclaimed by President Wilson as Liberty loan day throughout the country. He said the idea appealed to him, but that he could not make a positive answer until he was sure of the date for beginning the third drive.

WENT FAR INTO  
ENEMY LINES

American Troops Engaged in Hand to Hand Fighting

GERMAN TRENCHES  
WIDELY EXPLORED

Attack Was Carried Out on the Sector East of Luneville

With the American Army in France, Wednesday, March 20.—(By the Associated Press).—The American troops in the sector east of Luneville participated to-night in a raid on German trenches, penetrating the enemy lines for some distance.

Baker Concludes Inspection.

Secretary Baker to-day concluded his visit of inspection to the American military zone with a trip from the Verdun sector to great headquarters. He reviewed one brigade of the first division, telling them that they were the "point of the edge of the army which the whole American people is driving into the ranks of their adversary."

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77 DUTCH SHIPS  
TAKEN OVER BY  
UNITED STATES

On Holland's Refusal to Put Voluntary Agreement Into Effect, Our Government and Great Britain Seized Dutch Shipping in Ports of the Two Countries.

Washington, D. C., March 21.—Upon Holland's refusal, in the face of German threats, to put into effect a voluntary agreement for restoring her merchant marine to normal activity, the United States government last night requisitioned all the Dutch ships in American waters, and at the same time Great Britain was taking over the Dutch vessels in British ports.

A total of 77 ships of probably 600,000 tons were seized by the American merchant marine and another 400,000 were put into allied service by Great Britain's action.

President Wilson's proclamation was issued only after word finally came from London that Holland's delayed reply was a rejection of the British-American demands.

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MANSON—PEER.  
Wedding Took Place at Bride's Home on Circle Street.

A pretty wedding ceremony was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Peer, 84 Circle street, last evening at 8 o'clock when their daughter, Miss Mildred Valma Peer, became the bride of Arthur Manson, the officiating clergyman being Rev. W. J. M. Beattie, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Fifty relatives and more intimate friends of the bride and groom were present. The ceremony took place beneath an arch in the parlor, where the color arrangement was in gold and white. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Bertha Dale, and Robert T. Phillips acted as best man. As the bride party entered the parlor, Miss Gertrude Dale played the nuptial strains from Lohengrin. The single ring service was used and the bride was given in marriage by her father.

The bride was attractively gowned in hand embroidered white charmeuse, trimmed with silver lace. She carried white lilies and carried a bouquet of red carnations. From the bride her attendant received a gold brooch, while the groom's gift to the best man was a gold watch. After the ceremony there was a buffet supper for the couple, followed by a reception. Dainty refreshments were served in the dining room. Harry Dale acted as master of ceremonies and among those who responded to toasts was the officiating clergyman. Bride and groom were the recipients of many wedding gifts, among them being furniture, money, linen, cut glass and silver.

Mrs. Manson is favorably known in Barre, where she has been engaged for some time as assistant in the Rockwood studio. Mr. Manson is a draftsman employed in the office of the Harrison Granite Co.

BURIED IN VERMONT.  
Roger C. Perkins, Aviation Student, Was Killed in 500-Foot Fall.

Manchester, March 21.—The funeral of Roger C. Perkins of this town, the young aviator student who fell 500 feet to his death at Key West, Fla., last week, was held from the home of his parents yesterday afternoon. A very simple service was conducted by Rev. Arthur H. Bradford of Rutland. Harry F. Wheeler of Ocean Grove, N. J., and Robert M. Fisher of Indiana Penna. Fraternity and other of the Phi Kappa Psi of Amherst college were present and assisted former schoolmates of Perkins at Burr & Burton seminary as bearers.

He was the son of Rev. Sidney K. Perkins, pastor of the Congregational church of Manchester, and was 22 years old. He was graduated from Amherst college in 1917, receiving his diploma after he had enlisted in the naval reserves. He completed his aviation school training at Massachusetts and technology and was sent to Key West for field training about two months ago.

He had only recently begun flying alone and would soon have received his commission. One brother, Kingman Perkins, is now in the aviation service "somewhere in France." His mother and two sisters also survive.

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Washington, D. C., March 21.—A letter to the Cudahy Packing company, written by E. Dana Durand at Chicago, Jan. 18, directing that the price of meat to feeders be kept down, was sent without the authority of J. P. Cotton, head of the cotton division of the food administration, to-day told the Senate agricultural committee. Cotton said it had been his endeavor to pay fair prices to cattle feeders.

FUGITIVES FROM RUSSIA.  
Americans, Japanese and Chinese Reach Manchuria.

Peking, Tuesday, March 19.—(By Associated Press).—The Japanese ambassador and the Chinese minister to Russia, with a number of Americans, Japanese and Chinese, have arrived in Manchuria from Petrograd.

BARRE SEAMAN  
TAKEN BY DEATH

Chester Earl Magoon, Who Enlisted Last August, Died of Pneumonia To-day

FATHER, DR. MAGOON,  
ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

Young Man Was Serving on the Battleship Kansas

Barre's first contribution to the war casualties of the United States forces, so far as known, is Chester Earl Magoon, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Magoon, a seaman, second class, on the battleship Kansas, who died at Portsmouth, Va., at 9:35 this forenoon of pneumonia, according to a telegram received at 11 o'clock by the boy's mother. Dr. Magoon was on his way to the bedside of his son, having started from Barre early yesterday morning after receiving a second telegram in two days, announcing the critical illness of the young seaman.

The first telegram came on Monday, telling of the illness of Seaman Magoon and the second on Tuesday told of a more serious turn to the illness, whereupon Dr. Magoon decided to start at once for Virginia. On receiving the telegram to-day Mrs. Magoon became well-nigh prostrated and she is being cared for by friends who went to her home at 72 North Main street.

The message bearing the sad intelligence was from L. W. Spaulding, commanding officer, and it said: "Regret to inform you that Chester Earl Magoon, seaman second class, U. S. navy, died at 9:35 this morning. Unless you wish the body sent home he will be buried at this hospital with military honors. All expenses of preparation and transportation will be prepaid by the government."

The decision was at once made to have the body brought to Barre, and it is probable that Dr. Magoon will complete the arrangements when he arrives at Portsmouth and will accompany the remains home.

Chester Earl Magoon would have been 20 years of age next month. He was born in Manchester, N. H., and when he was quite young he came with his parents to Topham, where they lived for some time. Then the family moved to East Barre and after residing there for five years they moved to Barre, where Dr. Magoon is engaged as an optometrist. They had resided for two years in this city.

The son, Earl, attended the public schools, having entered Spaulding high school, where he remained for a year. Then he went to St. Johnsbury, where he was employed in the Fairbanks scale factory until he received an injury which incapacitated him for work for some time. He decided to return home to recuperate and while he was here last summer the patriotic fever that stirred so many young men at the outbreak of the war with Germany to give their services to their country became so strong that he finally gained the consent of his parents to enlist. They were very reluctant to have the boy enter the service so young.

On applying at the naval recruiting office in Montpelier Earl passed the examinations in a very satisfactory manner and was accepted by the government. That was in August. The young apprentice seaman soon left for the training school and was for a time located at the school in Norfolk, Va. Later he was placed on the battleship Kansas and while on that ship made several trips to Cuba and other places on this side of the Atlantic. He contracted pneumonia while in the home port and was taken to the naval hospital at Portsmouth, Va., where his death occurred.

Seaman Magoon had a large number of friends in Barre and vicinity and one and all will be very sorry indeed to hear of his death. He was a young man of good habits and was of a very likeable disposition. It is probable that some form of military funeral will be held in Barre.

Besides his parents, the young man leaves two sisters and two brothers, as follows: Mrs. Edward Strobbridge and Mrs. Claude Summers, both of Barre, Forrest Magoon of Lebanon, N. H., and Lee Magoon of St. Johnsbury. An aunt, Mrs. Fred Rowe, lives in Waits River.

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ARGUMENTS COMPLETED  
In the Tyrell vs. Goslant Case in County Court.

The arguments were presented this morning in the case of Anna Tyrell vs. Barre vs. Moses Goslant of Lanesboro, general assumpsit, which has been on trial for three days in Washington county court. J. W. Gordon, attorney for the plaintiff, has conducted his case alone while the defense has been represented by J. Ward Carver and F. L. Laird. Following the arguments the judge's charge was made, these occupying most of the morning.

During Wednesday afternoon the defense presented testimony of several witnesses. They included E. F. Folsom, Cyrus Sulham, H. E. Gray, J. M. Remillard, Mr. Coullien, Edna Gosselin, G. D. Ormsby and Gladys Johnson, whose testimony was largely as to the position of the two cars in the road. They claimed that the Goslant automobile was on its own side of the road and that it was not moved between the time of the accident and taking of the picture. Their evidence was presented in contradiction to that presented by the plaintiff's witnesses relative to the position of his automobile. Some of the witnesses told of seeing his track back from the scene of the accident along the roadway, showing that the Tyrell car did not occupy the portion of the road it has been claimed by the plaintiff's witnesses that it did.

The next case for trial was that of Antonio Bonazzi vs. L. F. Fortney of Plainfield, trespass, but the defendant has been ill in bed, and the case will be taken up later. The next case for trial with the above change would have been Maude Simpson vs. the Central Vermont Railway company, but this is passed for the present, so that the case of Achille Perolini vs. Luigi Giardella, tort, was for trial at noon.

The case of Howard Town of Marshfield vs. Jefferson Savery estate has been entered in county court. This is an appeal from the decision as to a claim for \$400 brought by Town against the Savery estate.

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DEPENDENTS GET AWARD.  
For Death of Guy A. Peck at Essex Junction Aug. 20.

Commissioner of Industries R. W. Simonds has given his decision in the petition for the workmen's compensation of the dependents of Guy A. Peck, who was killed in Essex on Aug. 20, 1917, in which he has decided that Vina E. Peck and her three children shall have \$9 a week for 260 weeks, the first payment to include all of the weekly payments, also \$100 funeral expenses. Mr. Peck was employed by R. O. Mudgett & Co., at Essex Junction and was driving their automobile truck when he was hit by a Central Vermont train and killed. The order is peculiar in that while Helen, a daughter, is 18 years of age, she is insane and incapable of supporting herself, so the dependents have been ordered to contribute to her support under the provisions of the order.

The commissioner has announced the following hearings: April 2 at St. Johnsbury, John Valley vs. E. T. Fairbanks & Co., Ray B. Packard vs. The Caledonian company, Walter H. Munford vs. E. & J. Fairbanks.

April 3 at Burlington, Joseph Potvin vs. C. H. Stevens estate, Adolphe Bertrand vs. the American Woolen company, Alvin Delisle vs. the Porter Screen company, Thomas Brady vs. the American Woolen company, Edward Rafter vs. Snare & Triest company.

April 5 at Rochester, John Duffany vs. the American Realty company, Lewis Valentine vs. the American Realty company.

April 9 at Bennington, Charles W. Jepson vs. H. B. Hutchins, administrator of estate of M. T. Hamlin.

April 10 at Poultney, Daniel Troy vs. Rising & Nelson company. At Fairhaven in the afternoon, James Regan vs. Durick Keenan & Co.

April 11 at Middlebury, Benjamin Cota vs. Green Mountain Pulp company, Ewald A. A. Schneider vs. Green Mountain Pulp company.

April 12, Ernest White vs. Fred S. Mathewson, Joe Gero vs. Bristol Manufacturing company.

April 15 at Montpelier, Virginia Lafargo vs. Argus & Patriot company.

April 16 at Northfield, Guy C. Jones vs. Northfield Granite company.

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NEW FEATURES ADDED.  
To Evangelistic Services Being Held in Congregational Church.

On last evening a large congregation again listened to the message of the evangelists, Reuben S. Smith and Otho L. Hatch. The chorus choir is increasing in its effectiveness. New features are being added. Tuesday night Mrs. Gladys Bradley sang a duet with Mr. Hatch. Last night Miss Faustina Baker sang with him a touching selection, "Despised and Rejected."

Mr. Smith drew many helpful lessons from the parable of life, "The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus." Bartimaeus was blind and he knew it. His was a physical blindness, and though a terrible affliction, it does not compare with spiritual blindness, of which so many seem totally ignorant. Bartimaeus was a beggar because he was blind, so many people are lean in soul because they are spiritually blind. None are so poor as those without Christ and none so rich as those with Jesus Christ.

While Bartimaeus' case seemed hopeless, Christ was able to heal him. In the spiritual life Christ can and does open blind eyes. Christ hears the cry of needy souls who cast away the worldly, sinful life and He heals them immediately.

All expenses of the campaign have been raised and no more collections are to be taken until Sunday evening when the thankoffering will be received for Evangelist Smith.

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BRING IN CLOTHING.  
Barre Has Contributed Only About 500 Pounds.

Of the 5,500 pounds of clothing that is to represent Barre's portion of the nation-wide donation of wearing apparel for the people of Belgium and northern France less than 500 pounds have been received, according to figures made public by the local committee to-day. A number of people have responded generously, but the aggregate must be much larger if Barre's reputation for giving spontaneously to every cause in the present war is to be sustained. It should be borne in mind that fairly serviceable clothing of every description is desired. Much may be made of shoes and clothing showing slight evidences of wear, and it is believed that in the clothes presses of Barre are more than the 5,500 pounds desired. Respond!

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GERMANS  
DEFEATED  
ON THE SEA

Lost Two Destroyers and Two Torpedo Boats in a Battle with British and French Off Dunkirk This Morning, According to the British Admiralty Report

ONLY ONE BRITISH  
DESTROYER DAMAGED

The British Casualties Were Slight and the French Suffered None at All—The Allies' Ships Engaged Were Five Destroyers

London, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats have been sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers, the admiralty announced to-day. One British destroyer was damaged.

The engagement occurred at Dunkirk this morning. The British casualties were slight, and there were no French casualties.

Two British and three French destroyers were engaged.

The damaged British destroyer was able to reach harbor. The German destroyers, before the engagement, had bombed Dunkirk for ten minutes. The survivors were picked up from two German torpedo boats.

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London, March 21.—The crew of the Norwegian steamship Wegadeck, 4,271 tons gross, has been rescued from lifeboats, according to a report of the Norwegian foreign office as forwarded in a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. Bombs from a German submarine were placed on the Wegadeck, but no word as to her fate has been received.

The Norwegian sailing vessel Carla, 1,018 tons gross, has been rescued by a submarine, the dispatch reports. The captain was killed, but his crew was rescued.

SWISS GRAIN SHIP SUNK.  
Steamer Sterling with Large Cargo From America, Sent to the Bottom.

Berne, March 21.—It is learned through official sources that the steamer Sterling, with a large cargo of grain for Switzerland, has been sunk as the result of a collision. Coming shortly after the torpedoing of the Spanish Sardinero, which was sunk on Feb. 26 while conveying 3,000 tons of wheat from the United States for Switzerland, the loss of the Sterling constitutes a serious blow to the Swiss revictualing operations.

There are two steamers Sterling, one an American of 2,016 tons gross, built at Port Glasgow in 1881, and owned by the Black Diamond Transportation company of Boston, and the other a Norwegian vessel of 1,323 tons gross, built in 1907 at Frederikstad, and owned in Christiania.

BRITISH SCHOONER WRECKED.  
Six Men Went Down on the Allison H. Maxner.

Inverness, N. S. March 21.—The loss of the British schooner Allison H. Maxner with her crew of six men became known yesterday when wreckage of the vessel was found on La Have island, a few miles south of this harbor. The schooner was bound here from Turku island with a cargo of salt. She is supposed to have gone down in the gale which swept the coast last Friday night. The vessel was within 12 miles of her destination when she met her doom. The crew comprised the following: Captain Maxner, Mate Mayle Tobin and Seamen Stewart W. Lohne, Urban Lohne, William McInnis and Joseph Spencer. Three of the crew were married and had families.

George Baker of this town went to the island on a shooting trip and found spars, sails and wreckage on the beach. A further search revealed the stern of the vessel, with the name attached, sticking out of the water near the shore. There were no boats and signs of the crew.

The Maxner sailed from Turku island on March 2. She registered 92 tons. She was built in 1913 and was owned by T. Zwicker & Co.

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LIBERTY LOAN PLANS.  
Soliciting Committees Secured in Towns of Barre District.

Pursuant to its announced plan of making careful arrangements for a thorough canvass of the towns within its jurisdiction, the local banking committee, appointed to take charge of the third Liberty loan campaign in this vicinity has announced a number of town committees. In each instance the committee has been interviewed and their consent to act has been obtained. They are to act in co-operation with the local committee and excellent results are anticipated. Heretofore, the personal canvass for Liberty loan subscriptions has been neglected in towns outlying, but the generous response of the men who have been sought after for committee work is bound to result in a more efficient campaign.

The following committees are announced: Barre Town, Frank C. Bancroft, chairman, W. H. Miles, Dr. E. H. Bailey and Fred Sargent; Orange, E. L. Sargent, chairman, George Chamberlain, Frank Haynes, Sherman Chamberlain; Charleston, F. E. Worthley, chairman, Charles Stanley, and M. W. Chamberlain; Williamstown, G. F. McAllister, chairman, W. B. Simons, George Wilbur, W. M. Williams.